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EXCISE DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

The 9th May, 2025

S.R.O No.293/2025— In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution of the India, the Governor of Odisha is pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Odisha Lower Excise Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Excise Constables) Rules, 2023, namely: -

1. (1) These rules may be called the Odisha Lower Excise Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Excise Constables) Amendment Rules, 2025.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the *Odisha Gazette*.

2. In the Odisha Lower Excise Service (Method of Recruitment and Conditions of Service of Excise Constables) Rules, 2023 (hereinafter referred to as the said rules), subject to any provisions contained in the said rules, wherever the words "Division", "Divisions" and "Divisional" occurs, the words "District", "Districts" & "District" shall, respectively, be substituted.

3. In the said rules, in rule 2, in sub-rule (1), -

(i) for clause (b), the following clause shall be substituted, namely: -

"(b) "Appointing Authority" means the Collector of the Revenue District in which the Excise District is situated;"

(ii) for clause (j), the following clause shall be substituted, namely: -

"(j) "District Cadre" means, cadre of Excise Constables appointed under a particular district. The Excise Constables appointed in Excise Intelligence and Enforcement Bureau Unit of a Division will be a part of the district cadre of the district, in which the headquarters of the respective Excise Intelligence & Enforcement Bureau Unit is located;"

4. In the said rules, in rule 3, in sub-rule (3), -

(i) the words "on any ground" shall be deleted; and

(ii) for the proviso, the following shall be substituted namely: -

"Provided that an Excise Constable appointed in a particular District may be transferred to other district in exigency of public service or on administrative ground and in such case their seniority shall be retained in the district in which he/she is initially appointed:

Provided further that the Constables may exercise their option to change their cadre to any other district of their choice subject to their eligibility on a permanent absorption basis as per the provisions outlined under APPENDIX-A appended to these rules. "

5. In the said rules, in rule 5, -

(i) in sub-rule (1), the clause (iv) shall be deleted; and

(ii) in sub-rule (2), for clause (v), the following clause shall be substituted, namely:-

"(v) The appointment order shall be issued by the Collector of the revenue district in which the excise district is situated on receipt of the select list from the Commission for appointment of required number of candidates named therein in an Excise District from the select list."

6. In the said rules, in rule 6, clause (ii) shall be deleted.

7. In the said rules, in rule 7, for clauses (i), (ii), (iii) and for sub-clause (a) of clause (v), the following clauses shall be substituted, namely: -

"(i) The vacancies for recruitment in each district cadre shall be the existing vacancies in the district, which will also include the vacancy of Excise Intelligence & Enforcement Bureau Units, whose headquarters are located within the district.

(ii) The Commissioner will collect the number of vacancies for recruitment and their category wise break up from all the Excise Districts and communicate the same to the Government for approval.

(iii) The Commission shall advertise and invite applications from eligible candidates for filling up the district wise vacancies in the rank of Excise constable on receipt of requisition from Commissioner. The Commission shall decide the modalities of inviting applications and other formalities; and

(v)(a) A candidate filling the application form can apply for recruitment to one Excise District only."

8. In the said rules, in rule 11, in sub-rule (2), after clause (iii), the following clause shall be inserted, namely: -

“(iv) If a candidate belongs to any of the reserved categories like SEBC, SC, ST, Women and has availed any relaxation in standards like age, minimum qualifying marks, physical standard measurements like height, weight, chest (unexpanded, expanded) and similar other relaxations, exemptions, concessions; he shall not be considered for selection under un-reserved (UR) category even if he has higher merit position in the Tests in comparison to other Open Category (UR) candidates who have not availed any relaxation.”

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By Order of the Governor

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